Denial of visas to NRIs

*56. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has sought a report from his Ministry on allegations that the Ministry had black-listed some NRIs to deny them visas to visit India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has sought a report about the total number of Sikh NRIs black listed by Ministry of Home Affairs and details regarding the review of this list.

Foreigners, including persons of Indian origin holding foreign citizenship, who have come to adverse notice and whose presence/ entry in the country is not considered desirable are placed in a negative list. They cannot obtain a visa without prior clearance of Indian Government. This list is reviewed at regular intervals to consider deletion/ retention of names therefrom. Last such review was done on 31.03.2003. There were 489 names on the list in 1998-99 and after the last review, the number now stands at 189 as on date.

Security to senior citizens in Delhi

*57. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has drawn up a plan for ensuring the security and welfare of the senior citizens living in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when the scheme is in operation and the number of senior citizens covered by the scheme so far; and

(d) the specific help and/or services extended to the senior citizens under the scheme?